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1. As of July 1953 North Korean intellectuals, craftsmen, students, and laborers in the urban areas generally considered the Chinese in North Korea inferior to themselves, and had little direct association with them. Their attitude towards the Chinese was cool, although not hostile.
2. The North Koreans in the rural areas were in direct contact with the Chinese Communist forces, because the Chinese were encamped in rural districts and were billeted in private homes. Although inconvenienced by the presence of strangers in their homes, the Koreans did not complain, and showed no signs of hostility or ill-feelings. The behavior of the Chinese who were mostly young men just past boyhood was good; they did not molest the inhabitants. Their good behavior was because of the strict military discipline enforced by the army.¹ The Chinese not only supplied their own food, but also aided the Koreans in their farmwork.
3. Contrary to the Chinese, the Soviet soldiers were like "beasts," and the North Koreans resented their presence in the country.

1. Comment. The Chinese, who were child-like in their simplicity and innocence, as compared to soldiers of the North Korean army, could win over the population and become firmly established wherever they went. They had a strong sense of national pride and self-respect, and placed MAO Tse-tung above Stalin and Malenkov. Whereas the North Koreans always arranged the picture of the Soviet leader in the center of banners and posters, flanked on both sides by pictures of MAO and KIM Il-song, the Chinese either displayed only the picture of MAO, or of both MAO and Stalin or Malenkov with equal prominence.

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